

SENATE WATCH

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MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

SB 128 (Sanborn)

Senate Bill 128 would amend the Sex Offenders Registration Act to require the Michigan State Police to develop a subscriber system under which members of the public who were subscribers would be notified by electronic or computerized means when a registered sex offender initially registered under the act, or changed his or her registration, to a location within a zip code area that they had designated. A person would have to subscribe in a manner required by the department.

• The Senate concurred with the House amendment to SB 128 [RC 87: 34 yes, 2 no].

FINAL PASSAGE

SB 1040 (Birkholz)

Senate Bill 1040 would amend Part 301 (Inland Lakes and Streams) of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to authorize the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), after notice and an opportunity for a public hearing, to issue a general permit on a statewide basis or within a local unit of government for projects that were similar in nature for the removal of qualifying small dams that would cause only minimal adverse environmental effects when performed separately, and that would have only minimal cumulative adverse effect on the environment. It is unknown how many small dams would be eligible for removal authorization under the proposed general permit. It is likely that eligible dams would be a subset of those constructed under Part 307 (Inland Lake Levels) of the Act, of which there are 235. If all of these dams were removed, the \$50 fee would generate aggregate revenue of \$11,750, which would be deposited into the Land and Water Fee Fund and used solely for administration of land and water programs.

- Committee S-1 was adopted.
- SB 1040 was moved to 3rd Reading of Bills.

- Birkholz 1 was withdrawn.
- SB 1040 was passed with IE [RC 88: 35 yes, 0 no].

THIRD READING OF BILLS

HB 5245 (Robertson) HB 5247 (Vander Veen) HB 5248 (Wojno) HB 5331 (Ball) HB 5398 (Green)

Nurse Practitioners

House Bill 5245 would amend the Revised Judicature Act to refer to the report of a certified nurse practitioner regarding the condition of an individual ordered to submit to a physical exam. Under the Act, a court, board, or commission, or other public body or officer may order an individual to submit to a physical examination. A copy of any written report and findings rendered by the examining physician relative to the person's condition must be delivered to the individual or his or her attorney. The bill would refer to the report and findings of a "licensed" physician or a certified nurse practitioner. The bill specifies that these provisions, as amended by the bill, would not require new or additional third-party reimbursement or worker's compensation benefits for services rendered.

- George 1a was adopted.
- Committee S-1 was adopted.
- HB 5245 was moved to 3rd Reading of Bills.

House Bill 5247 would amend the Michigan Adoption Code to require a prospective adoptive parent to undergo a physical examination by a physician, physician's assistant, or certified nurse practitioner.

• HB 5247 was moved to 3rd Reading of Bills.

House Bill 5248 would amend the Motor Carrier Safety Act to define the term "medical examiner" as it is defined under Federal motor carrier safety regulations for purposes related to the physical qualifications of commercial motor vehicle (CMV) operators. Under the bill, "medical examiner" would mean that term as defined is a person who is licensed, certified, and/or registered, in accordance with applicable state laws and regulations, to perform physical examinations. The term includes doctors of medicine, doctors of osteopathy, physician assistants, advanced practice nurses, and doctors of chiropractic.

- Committee S-1 was adopted.
- HB 5248 was moved to 3rd Reading of Bills.

House Bill 5331 would amend the Revised School Code to provide for immunity to a school administrator or employee who administered medication to a pupil according to instructions of a physician's assistant or certified nurse practitioner.

• House Bill 5331 was moved to 3rd Reading of Bills.

House Bill 5398 would amend the child care licensing Act, to require each member of the household of an applicant for a foster family home or foster family group home license to submit a medical statement to a child placing agency or an approved governmental unit.

• House Bill 5398 was moved to 3rd Reading of Bills.

APPOINTMENTS

Keith Charters was appointed to the Natural Resource Commission [RC 86: 36 yes, 0 no].